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## Limited Tickets Still Available for “Spotlight on Railtown” Fundraiser on June 9! *Evening Festivities Include a Rotary Club Raffle for a 2012 Corvette*

**JAMESTOWN, Calif.** – Tuolumne County’s Rotary clubs will host a “Spotlight on Railtown” fundraiser on Saturday evening, June 9, at Railtown 1897 State Historic Park (SHP) in Jamestown. This special fundraising event -- which includes a raffle for a 2012 Corvette -- is one of several that local Rotary clubs are holding in an effort to keep Railtown 1897 SHP open and in continued operation. Event tickets are \$50 per person (and Corvette raffle tickets are \$100 each) with all proceeds directly benefiting the Park and its continued operation.

The festivities will begin at 6 p.m., with local wines and delicious appetizers served in and around the Park’s signature facility, the Historic Jamestown Roundhouse and Shops. As guests tour the facility, they will enjoy live music provided by the 40-piece Great Motherlode Brass and Reed band; a historic re-enactment performed by the Guns of the Chosen Few; turntable demonstrations; historic railcar rides; and “Movie Star” locomotive Sierra No. 3 in operation. Next will be a silent auction, followed by dramatizations and short speeches at the historic Depot. Then, for a spirited grand finale to the evening, the Rotary Club Raffle for a 2012 Corvette will be held at 7:45 p.m. just before guests depart for a relaxing ride aboard Railtown 1897’s excursion train.

Rail enthusiasts and the community at large are encouraged to play a supporting role in Railtown 1897’s future. Raffle tickets for the 2012 Corvette and event tickets to “Spotlight on Railtown” are available directly from local Rotary club members. Event tickets are also available at the Park itself during regular hours, or online at [www.railtown1897.org](http://www.railtown1897.org).

“Spotlight on Railtown” is presented by the Sonora Rotary Club, Sunrise Rotary Club, ‘49er Rotary Club, Twain Harte Rotary Club, and Groveland Rotary Club, and sponsored by the Black Oak Casino, California State Parks, and the California State Railroad Museum Foundation. Featured wines will include Chatom Vineyards, Gianelli Vineyards, La Bella Rosa Vineyards, Mt. Brown Winery, Twisted Oak Winery and Zucca Mountain Vineyards, along with Indigeny Reserve Hard Cider.

### **About Railtown 1897 State Historic Park**

Operated by California State Parks with assistance from the nonprofit California State Railroad Museum Foundation, Railtown 1897 State Historic Park offers year-round tours plus train rides weekends April-October (selected dates only November-December). Known as “The Movie Railroad,” the Park and its trains have been featured in hundreds of feature films, TV shows, and commercials. The Park is located at the corner of Fifth Avenue and Reservoir Road in Jamestown, reached by highways 49/108. As of 1/2/12, Railtown 1897 State Historic Park is open Thursdays through Mondays (except for Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year’s Day) and the Park’s operating hours vary by

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season: April-October, 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; November-March, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. For more information, call Railtown 1897 State Historic Park at (209) 984-3953, or visit our Web site at [www.railtown1897.org](http://www.railtown1897.org)

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